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LIQUOR AGENTS IN FEDERAL COURTS

FALSE ARREST AND UNLAWFUL SEARCH ALLEGED IN SEPARATE COMPLAINT.

OFFICERS TO FACE CHARGES

Complaint Charges That Officers Cut a Large Tree and Placed Across the Main Highway.

Greensboro. — R. C. Jennings and Amos Hege, federal prohibition officers, operating in Forsyth county last November, are defendants in a \$40,000 damage suit filed in federal court by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Yuncannon, of Winston-Salem. False arrest, unlawful search, abusive language, discourteous treatment and other things are charged against the representatives of the prohibition commissioner's office in the lengthy complaint.

The case was originally started in Forsyth county superior court, but owing to the fact that the officers made affidavit that at the time of the alleged happenings they were in the service of the United States, was transferred to the United States court for the western district of North Carolina, where it will be tried.

The complaint charges that the officers cut a large tree and placed it across the main highway leading into Winston-Salem on the afternoon of November 16, 1921, thus effectually stopping all traffic over that highway at the pleasure of the officers.

It is further alleged and charged that every car passing along the highway was halted by the officers, who then searched it.

The complaint declares that Mr. and Mrs. Yuncannon were proceeding along the highway at a moderate rate of speed when they came upon the tree thrown across the highway, that perforce the car was brought to a stop, at which time the officers, armed to the teeth, raced to it and immediately began a thorough search in spite of the protests of the occupants.

Both occupants in their respective bills of complaint declare that they were subject to many indignities at the time of the search, and that finally, finding no contraband booze, the car was allowed to proceed on its way.

Mr. and Mrs. Yuncannon filed separate suits, each alleging damages and asking for the sum of \$20,000.

Board to Hold Chautauqua.

Burlington.—Plans are being made by the board of agriculture of Alamance county for the holding of a chautauqua for the rural communities of the county. The plans as mapped out by the board of agriculture at a recent meeting provide for securing several farm extension specialists who will discuss nearly every phase of rural life in the home and on the farm. These specialists will be secured through the state and federal departments of agriculture, and some of the subjects to be discussed are poultry production, home conveniences, rural sanitation, swine management, dairy management and community singing. The date of the chautauqua has not been decided upon, but it is understood that it will be held within a few weeks.

A local organization for the promotion of the Wilson foundation has been started here. J. H. Jones, secretary of the Burlington Merchants association, is acting chairman of the organization. Announcement has already been made that donations for the fund will be received through Mr. Jones.

Hearing of Negro Delayed.

Hamilton, Ont. (Special).—Immigration officials stated that a week would elapse before a hearing could be granted in the extradition case of Matthew Bullock, a negro sought by the authorities of Norfolk, N. C., on a charge of inciting riot.

The department has served a warrant on the governor of the jail, requiring that Bullock be kept in Canada until a board of inquiry renders a decision.

Woman's Body Found.

Wilson.—Following instructions received in an unsigned letter, a deputy sheriff found the body of Mrs. Miles Pearsall in the backyard of her home five miles east of this city. The woman was shot through the heart about nine days ago, according to the coroner.

Miles Pearsall, husband of the dead woman, and another man and woman, who had lived with the Pearsalls, are missing. A horse and a mule, shut up in a barn and a cow tied outside, were nearly dead of starvation.

TOBACCO COMPANIES FORM CONSPIRACY

THREE COMPANIES CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL PRACTICE TO HOLD HIGH PRICES.

SOME JOBBERS HAVE ASSISTED

American Tobacco Company, Lorillard and Liggett & Myers Attacked in Senate Committee Report.

Washington.—Charges that the American Tobacco company, P. Lorillard & Company, and, to a lesser extent, the Liggett & Myers Tobacco company, "have each engaged in conspiracies with numerous sectional and local jobbers' associations to keep up the price of tobacco products in the United States through price agreements and intimidations," were made in a report sent to the senate by the federal trade commission.

The commission alleges this situation has existed since April of last year through "during the same period the relation between supply of leaf tobacco and the demand for it has resulted in such low prices to the growers that tobacco farmers raising the most important types, burley and bright southern, have formed marketing associations to sell their tobacco crops co-operatively."

Asserting these three companies were successors "of the old tobacco combination which was dissolved under an anti-trust decree in 1911, the commission's report continued:

"There was one important successor company, namely, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, which refused to lend any support to these conspiracies, but actively opposed them. In spite of strong pressure exerted by jobbers and jobbers' associations, the Reynolds company stood staunchly against the practices of certain of its competitors designed to induce or force jobbers to enter and maintain price agreements, and in this respect is deserving of commendation."

The three companies, the commission declared, in giving the results of an investigation ordered under a resolution by Senator Smith, democrat, South Carolina, were formerly parts of the "tobacco trust" dissolved by the supreme court. The commission promised prosecution where the evidence discloses there have been violations of law.

Hays Has Signed Contract.

New York.—Will H. Hays will become directing head of the new National Association of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors "immediately after March 4," it was announced at a dinner at which the postmaster general was the guest of a group of motion picture officials. Mr. Hays' formal resignation from President Harding's cabinet will be presented soon, it was said.

Mr. Hays announced that he had signed a contract which makes him executive head of the organization. His salary, reported as tentatively fixed at \$150,000 a year, was not announced.

"The purpose of this association will be to attain and maintain the highest possible standard of motion picture production and to develop to the highest degree the moral and educational value of the industry," Mr. Hays said.

"I believe in the earnestness and integrity of their determination to carry out these purposes and am convinced of the possibilities of the large plans and successful consummation."

Baptists Collect Millions.

Nashville, Tenn.—Collections made on subscriptions to the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign, taken in the drive of two years ago, amounted to \$30,160,843, it was reported to the mid-winter meeting of the campaign conservation commission here by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, Tex., chairman.

Collections were announced as follows: For Georgia, \$2,953,650; North Carolina, \$2,377,733; South Carolina, \$2,633,840.

Liner Cuts Big Whale in Twain.

New York.—The story of a 75-foot whale, which was neatly cleaved in two by the prow of the Italian liner President Wilson, was related by the passengers when the vessel docked here. The President Wilson was sailing in mid-Atlantic when the whale was sighted lying directly across the course of the vessel. A hundred and fifty passengers lined the rails to see what would happen. Passengers along the port rail heard a crash as the bow struck, saw the water turn pink and saw the head float astern.

STATE LEGION PLANS CAMPAIGN

Executive Committee Meets in Greenville and Discusses Some Important Matters.

Greenville.—Members of the executive committee of the American Legion in North Carolina gathered here to discuss matters pertaining to the future of the former service men's organization. A campaign to treble the membership during this year, increasing it from 7,000 to 21,000, was announced as one of the principal objectives.

The executive committee members and a large number of legionnaires were here for the sessions. The committee members present were: Thos. W. Bird of Asheville, state commander; J. R. Hollis of Wilmington, vice commander; Cale K. Burgess of Raleigh, adjutant and finance officer; Rev. T. G. Vickers of Henderson, chaplain; Robert B. MacNeil of Fayetteville, historian; Dr. G. G. Dixon, commander of the Pitt county chapter; R. T. Allen of Kinston; Tom C. Daniels of New Bern; Daniel W. Terry of Raleigh; Robert E. Denny of Greensboro; J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion.

The executive committee held its first session in the morning, at which matters of business were discussed. The organization of women's auxiliaries in each city and town where local posts exist was one of the items stressed, and such organization campaigns are to be carried out in places where auxiliaries have not been formed.

Commander Bird made a statement of the aims of the legion and the three big objectives are: Service to disabled soldiers, promotion of patriotic education in the schools, membership campaign to treble the present membership of 7,000, making the 1922 goal 21,000.

Another business session was held in the afternoon, which was called the "Greenville conference." A vote of confidence was given Commander Bird and Adjutant Burgess in their program of work, and felicitations were conveyed to Mr. Burgess in connection with his wedding to Miss Edith May Lee, which occurred here, with all the male attendants members of the legion. The session was on the order of a round table discussion and many matters were talked over.

Invents Dyeing Process.

Burlington.—After years of experimenting and hard work, Lafayette Holt of this city, has perfected processes used in dyeing and bleaching that may revolutionize the dye industry in this country. He has secured several patents, the first and most successful one being what is known as sodium peroxide beam bleaching. The machines patented by Mr. Holt have been installed in a local cotton mill and have proved very successful. Mr. Holt has sold the rights of the new machine to a manufacturing company at Pittsburgh, Pa., and will receive a royalty on all machines manufactured.

Courthouse Gives Way to Road.

Mocksville.—The old courthouse at Mocksville, which has been weathering the storms and wintry blasts for about 85 years, is to be torn down to make way for the new concrete highway through Mocksville. The old landmark was built in 1837 and was used as a courthouse until the year 1909 when a new courthouse was erected. For the past several years it has been used as a community building with a free library, rest room and offices on the first floor and the Davis theater upstairs.

Sanatorium Directors Named.

Greensboro.—Four men and one woman have been appointed by the board of county commissioners as a board of directors for the Guilford county tuberculosis sanatorium, work on which is expected to be gotten under way during the early spring. The membership is as follows: J. W. Cone, for five years; Dr. J. T. Burrus, High Point, for four years; Mrs. C. J. Tinsley, Greensboro, three years; Dr. J. V. Dick.

Wilmington.—Concrete Tanker No. 2.

The second of the A class of three ocean-going transports being constructed here by the Newport Shipbuilding corporation for the United States war department, was launched Friday afternoon.

New Directors Market Association.

New Bern.—Harry M. Jacobs, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and H. V. Station of Bethel, were nominated as directors of the New Bern district of the State Co-operative Marketing association. There were nearly 200 delegates present from eight counties. C. C. Kirkpatrick, who has accepted the leadership of the county's fight on the boll weevil, spoke to the farmers on the program which will be carried out. Mr. Kirkpatrick declared the motto for farmers would be "Feed yourself, then raise cotton."

State Fourth in Leading Crops.

North Carolina stands with the leaders agriculturally, with a rank of fourth in the 22 leading crops, and fifth in the value of all crops, according to information from the Co-operative Crop Reporting Service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, which has substantiated the November estimate made by Frank Parker, statistician for North Carolina.

With a total value of over \$228,900,000 for the field crops; corn, wheat, oats, rye, buckwheat, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, all hay, tobacco, lint cotton (not seed), edible beans, clover seed, peanuts and apples, North Carolina has only Texas, Illinois and Iowa surpassing her, while, for the aggregate value of all crops, we surpass Iowa, but let California and New York go ahead. The fruit crops are responsible for these two states getting up front," says Frank Parker.

"1,000 Miles in 1922," is Slogan.

The North Carolina Highway Commission put under contract last year the construction of more than 700 miles of highways and the 1922 slogan is to add 1,000 miles to this five-year total.

"The sky's the limit" now, so to speak, in carrying forward the state's road-building campaign and the road builders are going after the big job to clear it up ahead of time. They have taken Governor Morrison and the council of state at their word, in their promise to provide the money, and "1,000 miles 1922" was decided upon as the goal at last week's meeting of the highway commission.

The commissioners appointed by Governor Morrison during the early months of his administration, got to work with Chairman Frank Page last April. With \$50,000,000 assured, a thorough highway organization, and the entire state in a receptive mood for road-building activities, the commission opened the throttle and started to work. And work has been going on to an excessive degree throughout the months, with the result that the organization has some figures which talk in concrete, asphalt and sand-clay language.

These figures show that \$12,941,090 in highways are under contract, and that \$8,877,829 have been contracted for to be paid within two years. The total mileage is placed at 722, nearly 600 of which have been added since last May.

Bee Keepers Close Meeting.

The sixth annual conference of the North Carolina State Bee-Keepers association closed at State College with the election of officers.

The new officers are: Elton Warner, Asheville, president; D. W. Monroe, Chadbourn, vice-president; J. E. Eckhart, Raleigh, secretary-treasurer. These officers with F. L. Johnson of Mount Airy and W. H. Prigden of Creek, will compose the executive committee.

Three matters of general interest to bee keepers were discussed and acted upon favorably by the association during the conference. Arrangements were completed for the co-operative buying of supplies whereby all members of the association will be allowed a discount of 18 per cent on orders amounting to \$10 or more. Plans for enlarging the honey exhibits at the State Fair were considered, the details being left in the hands of the executive committee. The association also decided to hold a two day short course in beekeeping at the college on the 30th and 31st of next August, these dates coming during the annual Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention.

City Listing Blanks.

The blanks on which the reports of the bonded debt of the cities, towns, counties or any other local taxing districts will have to list their bond issues in accordance with the Sams bill passed at the special session of the Legislature in December, are being printed, and will, in all probability, be sent out by the state auditor. The Sams bill specifically requires that the government authorities responsible for the issuance of the bonds and the collection of the taxes shall see that all bond issues are listed with the auditor to get the blanks to every one of these local units of government which now has the right to issue bonds does not relieve the governing authorities from the responsibility of listing them.

Power Company Seeks Increase.

A full day of testimony before the State Corporation commission was insufficient to complete the hearing of the North State Power company's petition for an increase in power and lighting rates of approximately 30 per cent. When the commission adjourned for the day the petitioning power company had not completed its testimony and representatives of users in nine or ten small towns in Wake, Harnett and Johnston counties had a mass of testimony they wanted to submit. The hearing was continued.

THE ELECTRIC ROAD TO THE ROCK.

Charlotte Observer, 13th.

One of the first fruits of the new development of the Southern Power Company of Mountain Island will probably be construction of the electric railroad line from Mount Holly to Blowing Rock by the Blue Ridge Company. The Observer is passing this information along as what it believes to be one of the greatest prospects of the day. The company last year made surveys and secured rights of way for the entire line and all is in readiness for immediate beginning of construction. The present proposition is to complete the road from Mount Holly to Denver, traffic to begin when the line reaches Lewisville; the extension of the line to be progressively pushed to the Blowing Rock terminus, a distance from Mount Holly of 100 miles. As a starter the company is expecting an authorized bond issue of \$150,000 by the people of Catawba Springs township, in Lincoln county. It is believed the election will be authorized at the February meeting of the Lincoln commissioners, the guarantee of the company being that work will begin on construction of the line within 30 days after the bonds are voted. The bonds will not be turned over until the road is completed to Denver, which makes it a safe proposition to the people of the township. The line will follow the contour of the Mountain Island dam to Denver, and thence to Terrells and Shearill's Ford, thence across to Newton, Hickory and Lenoir, from which place it will take a new and easy grade to Blowing Rock. The information the Observer gave last summer in connection with the new enterprise indicated that it is officered by competent men. Col. J. D. Elliott is president; A. P. Rhyne, first vice president; T. H. Coffey, second vice president; Osborn Brown, secretary; J. L. Gilley, treasurer, and W. T. Shipp general manager. This road would connect with P. & N., at Mount Holly, thus making direct run into this city. The possibilities for manufacturing, agricultural and commercial development along the line are recognized as among the finest in the whole South. The Southern Power Company will supply the electricity and the Blue Ridge road will haul the people and the products. It means the springing up of industrial towns all along the line, just as was done between Charlotte and Gastonia, through the promotive agency of the interurban railroad. It is not to be supposed that the people of Catawba Springs township will turn down so good a prospect as that now opened to them; and The Observer believes the people will be going to Blowing Rock by electric line before the year is ended.

Two More Resolutions Adopted.

Washington.—Two more American resolutions based on the principle of open diplomacy and an open door of commercial opportunity in China were adopted by the far eastern committee of the Washington conference.

The proposal, for a showdown of all international agreements affecting China's interests presented Thursday by Secretary Hughes, was given committee approval only after it had been freighted with upwards of a score of amendments, but American spokesmen insisted that its meaning had not been materially changed.

Under a supplemental declaration proposed by Elihu Root and accepted with little debate, the powers agree not to support in the future any engagements entered into by their nations designed to create special spheres of influence or exclusive opportunities within Chinese territory.

QUILLEN'S FRANK CONFESSION.

Morganton News-Herald.

One of the most remarkable statements that ever appeared in any newspaper in any newspaper is the following for the last issue of the Fountain Inn Tribune, whose editor, Robert Quillen, is widely known as a writer for magazines and newspaper syndicates:

"Of all hard jobs in the world, that of making a public confession is the hardest. But if it is the only square thing to do, it must be done. This, therefore, is an open letter to the young fellows of Fountain Inn—the good fellows, the fellows I love to loaf with at times—the fellows I have taken drinks with and fellowshipped with.

"All this while I have been a member of the church—just that and nothing more. And when my conscience bothered me about taking a drink when I could get it, I said to myself: 'Why, I am a liberal supporter of the church; I pay the tithe; I am a gentleman and a man of intelligence; there's no harm in my taking a drink when I want to, for I can handle it.'

"I said that but I was a liar. And while posing as a church member and a follower of Christ and yet reserving the right to take a drink at my pleasure, I was considerably lower than a snake's belly.

This is a bitter dose to swallow, fellows, but I had it coming to me. And if my conduct has led you to believe that a man can retain his honor while carrying water on both shoulders, I want to make it clear that it's an impossibility.

"I'm through. I'm 34 years of age, and I have never struck a lick for my Lord. From now on I am His, to use as He thinks best, and I'll stick to Him if it costs me everything I have and every friend I have.

"I'm ashamed, fellows. Forgive me for not having been a square.

"ROBERT QUILLEN."

Lutherans Select Home.

Salisbury.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the United Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, held in Salisbury, it was decided to locate the home of the president of the synod in Salisbury provided a satisfactory deal can be made for the property required. The president of the synod is elected for a term of five years and devotes his entire time to the general oversight of the entire synod. The present officer is Dr. J. E. Morgan and he has been living in Salisbury since his election a year and a half ago.

Quarters Selected for Meeting.

E. S. Butler, president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, has tendered to Governor Cameron Morrison the use of the directors' room of the exchange for the holding of the sessions of the Cotton States Conference, which Governor Morrison has called for February 23-25. Governor Morrison accepted the invitation. Mr. Butler is a member of the Louisiana commission, which is to study the cotton problem in that State and then attend as delegates the conference at New Orleans.

Cotton Crop is a Record Breaker.

Shelby.—Cleveland county's cotton crop is the second largest crop ever produced, according to figures furnished the census bureau of the department of agriculture by special agent, Miles H. Ware of Kings Mountain. There were 26,537 bales ginned up to January 1 from the 1921 crop, as compared with 26,769 bales ginned to the same date a year ago. Last year's crop was nearly 32,000 bales, but that was a bumper crop. The county's average has been about 22,000 bales.

Need Greater Co-ordination.

Memphis, Tenn.—Need for greater co-ordination in the work of the various boards and committees of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was emphasized in the sessions here of the church-wide conference of the executive officers of the organization.